

Palmetto City Commission  
November 5, 2007 4:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor  
Eric Ball, Vice Mayor  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner  
Brian Williams, Commissioner

Elected Officials Absent:

Mary Lancaster, Commissioner

Staff and Others Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk  
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director  
Chief Garry Lowe  
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director  
Michele Hall, City Attorney  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm. A moment of silence was observed for our military men and women serving all over the world, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mrs. Lukowiak requested item #3 Discussion: Attainable Housing be deleted until such time staff has met with Manatee County representatives to discuss their findings on the topic.

**MOTION: Mr. Ball moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the November 5, 2007 4:00 pm agenda, as amended with the deletion of item #3.**

2. MANATEE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

Mayor Bustle stated he and the department heads had discussed the school's request for the City's assistance is securing a qualified loan. He explained the City's budget has been established for the remainder of 2007 and through September 30, 2008. In addition, the City has identified the amount of financing necessary to complete the approved Capital Improvement Plan through fiscal year 2008.

Mr. Freeman informed Commission he has met with Kerry Ward since his presentation of the loan request to Commission, and stated the school is seeking \$8 million; \$3.8 million in 2007 and \$4.2 million in 2008. Mr. Freeman confirmed the City can participate in both loans and the City's \$10 million borrowing cap will not be compromised.

After discussing the item, Commission directed to proceed with the City's participation in MSA's request. The topic will be brought to Commission for formal action in December.

3. DISCUSSION: DEMOLITION 515-519 9<sup>th</sup> AVE.

Mrs. Lukowiak informed Commission CRA is now in possession of the property containing three triplex structures. The proposed demolition of the buildings will be considered by CRA at its November meeting, but Commission must approve the action prior to the Board's consideration. It was consensus of Commission to approve the demolition as proposed by Mrs. Lukowiak.

4. DISCUSSION: SUSPENSE LOG

Commission amended the Suspense Log as follows:

- Citywide review of stop signs was re-titled Citywide Mobile Plan Implementation and the originator was changed to Commission
- Local Preference to Contractors given a medium rating
- Overcrowding Ordinance given a medium rating
- City Employee Housing Assistance Ordinance given a low rating
- Construction Trailer Ordinance given a low rating
- New Potable Water Lines Biotesting given a medium rating

Mayor Bustle explained that generally items that are capital improvement projects are not on the Suspense Log, but agreed there is an overlap between the two topics, i.e. Jackson Park as an example.

Mr. Freeman informed Commission one item not on the Suspense Log is the utility ordinance. Items of interest are the renters vs. owners issue and the fact the City has very little recourse if a renter leaves a delinquent bill, and foreclosure and bankruptcy information. He stated he is researching other ordinances prior to bringing it to Commission's attention.


Commission discussed the items that are ranked high and questioned the length of time they have been on the Suspense Log. Staff explained the reasons for the delay in completing the items. Commission requested that a new section be added to the Suspense Log that explains the complexity in completing an item. Commission also suggested an update on an item as to why it is not moving forward would be beneficial. Mr. Lukowiak suggested the point paper could also note if the topic was on the Suspense Log.

Staff will restructure the Suspense Log per Commission's direction.

Mayor Bustle commented on the letter to the county administrator regarding the Aquatic Center at Blackstone Park.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Minutes approved: November 19, 2007

  
James R. Freeman  
City Clerk